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From: Robert Daguillard
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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:24 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

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Subject: RE: Reuters query re: Reopening of private water wells in New Mexico

Hi Robert,

Thanks for offering to help. I'm cc'ing your Region 6 colleague, David Gray, also. So my question pertains to a statement made during today's telephone media call that authorities were reopening private water wells to domestic use along the river in New Mexico, today. But it wasn't clear which entity or entities were lifting those restrictions; whether it was being done effective immediately; whether it pertains to wells only along the Animas River or along the Animas and the San Juan rivers; and approximately how many wells or homes were impacted.

I would appreciate whatever additional light could be shed on any or all of these questions as soon as possible, as I'm on deadline to update the story we published earlier about reopening of the Animas River in La Plata County, Colo., to recreational use.

Also, what is the status of the reopening of irrigation canals fed by the Animas River to agriculture? This was mentioned on the call as well, but not well detailed.

Thanks for your assistance.

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